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Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 08250.0980

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Joseph R. OFFUTT et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2166  
Serial No.: 09/275,887 ) Examiner: J. Parisi  
Filed: March 25, 1999 )  
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR )  
DETERMINING NON-OBVIOUS )  
SAVINGS IN THE PURCHASE OF )  
GOODS AND SERVICES )

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of January 24, 2001. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a \_\_ month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$\_\_ for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

|   | Claims Remaining<br>After Amendment |   | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate    | Additional Fee |
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| Total   | 40                                  | - | 36                                | 4             | x \$ 18 | \$ 72.00       |
| Indep.  | 12                                  | - | 4                                 | 8             | x \$ 80 | 640.00         |
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| Subtotal  |                                     |   |                                   |               |         | \$ 712.00      |
| Reduction by 1/2 if small entity                                      |                                     |   |                                   |               |         | - 0.00         |
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☒ A fee of \$712.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: April 17, 2001

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**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 3 and 6 in the above-captioned application be amended by replacing reference number "336" in Fig. 3 with "335" and replacing reference number "605" in Fig. 6 with "201." The proposed changes are indicated in red on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings.

The proposed change to Fig. 3 will correct the discrepancy between element "336," as illustrated in Server C 330, and element "335" as shown in client 340. The proposed change to Fig. 6 will properly label element "605" as user's request "201," as indicated in Applicants' specification on page 14, lines 13-16.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, Applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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